

Appl. No. 10/685,980  
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#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

##### Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly include in the preamble that the wedge tool is for use in combination with the specific type of slide fastener. During the examiner interview of July 21, 2004 the Examiner indicated that by clarifying that the wedge tool was used in combination with, rather than the original language "for operating," Claim 1 would be in allowable form.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are in their originally presented form. Because they are each dependent upon Claim 1, each should now be allowable.

Claim 8 has been amended to more clearly include in the preamble that the wedge tool is for use in combination with the specific type of slide fastener. During the examiner interview of July 21, 2004 the Examiner indicated that by clarifying that the wedge tool was used in combination with, rather than the original language "for operating," Claim 8 would be in allowable form.

Claims 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 are in their originally presented form. Because they are each dependent upon Claim 1, each should now be allowable.

##### *Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112*

During the examiner interview of July 21, 2004 the Examiner indicated that based on discussion as to the specifics of the present invention and how the stuffed toy further limits Claim 14, the rejection of Claim 14 would be withdrawn.

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*Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102*

During the examiner interview of July 21, 2004 the Examiner indicated that by clarifying that the wedge tool was used in combination with, rather than the original language "for operating," Claims 1 and 8 would be patentably distinct from the prior art and the rejections of Claims 1-13 would be withdrawn.

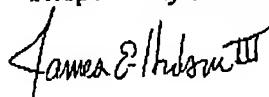
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*Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103*

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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